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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Nekeya Patton, 22, of Madison, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to seven years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine. Patton pleaded guilty to this charge on May 23, 2007.

On February 10, 2007, Madison Police Department officers were working with a confidential informant who arranged to purchase crack cocaine from Kenneth Green in the 7000 block of Flower Lane. After Green arrived at that location, officers attempted to arrest him and Green threw some crack cocaine out of the car window. The crack cocaine was subsequently recovered in the snow, and officers recovered more crack cocaine in the car. Green was arrested, and a search incident to arrest revealed \$2,232 in his pants pocket.

Patton, Green's girlfriend, was a passenger in Green's car and she gave consent for officers to search her apartment on Rosenberry Road. In the apartment, officers recovered approximately 100 more grams of crack cocaine, a scale, packaging material, and \$5,000 hidden in the sleeve of a child's coat. Under furniture and furniture cushions

in the living room, officers recovered 4 loaded handguns. Officers also recovered documents in Green's name, with the Rosenberry Road address listed. Green was sentenced to 19 years in federal prison on August 3, 2007.

The charge against Patton was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the West Community Policing Team. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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